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POWERS' GRAND.
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21.—MARIE BEASLEY THE GRAND.
 ALL WEEK.—THE DAGO SMITH'S.
 ALL WEEK.—VAUDEVILLE

WEATHER.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—For Lower Michigan.—Generally fair, northwest winds, falling temperature.

RUNING HIS PROSPECTS.

If the signs of the political times be not deceiving the hardy materialized sentiment in favor of Governor Luce for the senatorship is beginning a recession movement. It was extremely unfortunate for Governor Luce that at the beginning of his campaign an inexperienced political novice should send out a letter inviting the farmers to join the four millionaires who are back of the boom in a crusade against Senator Stockbridge. When the defiant Conkling hurled down his senatorial toga and exclaimed "I will not submit," he was supported by Senator Platt who echoed "Me Too." The youthful millionaire who the millionaires must be downed" or words to that effect clinched his heroic argument, it is alleged, by asserting "Pa and me" are against them. Inasmuch as "Pa and me" are variously estimated to cost their dollars by the day load, the sturdy farmers naturally doubt the consistency of such a warfare. Then, too, the sturdy farmers have evolved from that period when "you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time" and they have learned to analyze political combinations. They cannot peer through a solid brick wall, but they can see the moon in a clear sky. If the four millionaires including "Pa and me" think they can make the farmers believe that the moon is made of green cheese, they will find it quite as difficult as it is to convince the self-same farmers that four millionaires are less objectionable than one honest, upright, loyal and liberal republican who has done more in a substantial way for the party than the four millionaires opposing him combined. If ever a candidate had cause to cry out "deliver me from my friends," it is Governor Luce. They are ruining the future prospects of a good republican.

RIGHT AT LAST.

It is not often that THE HERALD feels impelled to endorse the personal attacks made by The Eagle upon republicans. It will be pardoned if it manifests any enthusiasm in doing so now. The following quotation from last night's Eagle is so forceful, and withal so opportune, that it is here reproduced.

"In the astute opinions of some editors it is very 'incongruous' to print election returns showing the total vote for a certain candidate, but justifiable and right to asssimilate the personal character of another candidate. The ownership of the ox that is gored is all important."

If there has existed any doubt as to the justification for the position taken by certain republicans in the last campaign, The Eagle has cleared the doubt in this brief paragraph. It was because one man assumed the "right to assassinate the personal character" out of one political colleague but of nearly a dozen that the latter refused to sympathize with their accustomed vigor and enthusiasm. If a man presumes to charge another with the commission of an act which implies moral turpitude, and a universal crime, when there is not the shadow of evidence for the charge, he openly attempts to "assassinate his personal character." When that character has shed the rest of a quarrelsome's trial in business, and has never been known to show a flaw, the attempt to assassinate it becomes an unmitigated outrage. It was because of just such an attack, which was paraded by the party's sake, that the total vote for a certain candidate was below the number required to elect. It was hoped that this subject had passed out of discussion, but The Eagle, contrary to its usual practice having defined the character of the man who defined the character for the attack, is content to "assassinate the personal character of another candidate" on the shoulders of the party on its only occasion that it is commended.

EAGLE AND HAND.

It appears that the state board of education has decided to withhold endorsement of election from Judge Hooker and Land Commissioner Barry, both of whom were clearly elected, until after Attorney General Ellis shall examine the entire record in an endeavor to show that there is a hitch somewhere in the count by which New and Barry may stand in office. Every teacher, who every day, has his day and day's work are encouragingly few. By January 1st he will have finished his last term and then he will return to the education of his office in medicine on the loneliness of being in place with a household of political strangers about him. It was just as well that he came from the darkness that he could find these two seats without fear of consequences. While the fifth dis-

trict congressional case has been removed from the jurisdiction of the state courts without a possible chance to regain it, the jurisdiction of these two cases must remain in the state. It cannot be spirited away. Nor is there time before January 1, when a republican board of canvassers will acquire jurisdiction, to steal these two offices except in a deliberate contempt of court. There will be no skulduggery in this case. Ellis is not master of the situation. He may think that he is in a position to obstruct the wheels of justice and prevent two warrants proceedings to try the titles to the offices, but he is deceiving himself. It will be well for him to keep within the duties of his office and not to manifest too offensively his partisanship. There will be a republican court of impeachment in session early in January. It will not hesitate to receive a complaint, if one be offered, and if it does, Ellis shall not be worth a bunch of meadow grass to him. There is danger in monkeying with the buzz-saw. If Mr. Ellis has not been alarmed by the whim and thrum it is because he is as impervious to fear as he is insensible to political honor.

OUR EX-PRESIDENTS.

It is a proverb that "Republicans are ungrateful." In one respect the American people have been guilty of this ingratitude. It is in making no provision for the future life of the man whom they have once elected to be president. A clear duty rests upon the people as a nation to see to it that this wrong is righted. Their claim is based not on the score of gratitude for services rendered alone, but the people need the benefit of their services in the future. Here is a proposition: Amend the constitution and create the office of United States senator at large, which shall be filled by ex-presidents for life. A man who has once been president of this great nation has had such experience with public questions as can come to nobody else. His services are needed. What an opportunity for pure statesmanship is afforded by the creation of the office here suggested. Untrammelled and free from all partisan obligation, a representative of the whole nation, he will enter the senate of the United States with the single purpose of giving to his country his best services. He will weigh and pass upon all questions affecting the welfare of the nation with judicial impartiality. He will not be controlled, as representatives of a single state are now, by local demands, and compelled to vote for measures affecting the nation itself, which his own judgment condemns. The silver question suggests itself at once as a case in point. With no such claims upon him, with no partisan friends to reward nor political enemies to placate, he goes in and out of the senate a free man. In this way the country will not only honor our ex-presidents, but benefit itself by placing them in a position where they can work for the glory and prosperity of the nation. As it is, the people disgrace themselves in the estimates of the world by banishing our ex-presidents to a hennery—if not to a runnery. We compel them, if poor, to take up the struggle for bread again; if rich, to a life of comparative idleness. This should be stopped, for the reason we need their services and can best employ them in the august body known as the senate.

There has never been any claim made in these columns that the republican candidate for district elector was better than his party; nor that his personal popularity was so much greater than the popularity of the principles of his party that he would be elected in spite of any opposition. In fact, during the campaign, no mention whatever of his name was made in these columns. He is elected by a plurality of 204 votes. Whether this indicates his personal popularity or the strength of republican principles cuts little figure so long as he is elected. There is such a wide difference between the personal popularity of success and the personal popularity of defeat that the public is quite competent to form its own opinion.

Dr. FRANK GRISWOLD, the eloquent Chicago divine, is to be at the head of the new Armour institute. Dr. Griswold is one of the most liberal minded ministers that ever occupied a pulpit, and it is fair to suppose that he will apply his broadness and liberality to the management of the great institution.

Professor ELLIS has said if the Harvard annex could bring to the university the sum of \$250,000 in addition to its plant and what it already has, he will use his influence to have it made a part of the university. Coordination at Harvard is evidently a matter of dollars rather than of principle.

Professor JAMES B. ANTHONY of the University of Michigan has been reappointed one of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution. President Angell recognized the world over as one of the greatest educational authorities the country has produced.

JOHN MANN, state organizer for the temperance cause, presided in acquiring elaborate jargon. So the state committee kindly chopped off his official head. All the temperance lectures since Adam do not contain a more powerful lesson.

There are not necessarily paupers abroad. Whittier's estate amounts to \$150,725, and he was probably no less wealthy of any great American poet.

Miss Belle Thorington, Miss Lulu Bookus, Miss Frances Walsh and Miss May Conlon. The judges were the Rev. Harry Joseph Richter, E. B. Fisher and Dr. Campbell. There were nine contestants for the prizes, and all did splendidly, showing talent and excellent training. Miss Thorington, the winner of the first prize, recited "The Flower Girl of Spain." Miss Bookus, who won the second prize, recited "The Debating Society." Miss Walsh, winner of the third, gave a melody, and Miss Conlon, who took the fourth prize, recited "Trouble in the Amen Corner." Each of the contestants not winning prizes were given a handsome book. The contest was preceded by a number of excellent readings by some of Mrs. Beasley's pupils, which were followed by a little comedy, "Viva versa," and a physical culture drill by Mrs. Beasley and her pupils. The entertainment was one of the pleasantest affairs of the kind ever given in the city.

George Peck's new piece, "Under the Lion's Paw," will be played in the Grand next week. A complete menagerie, the Circus Royal winter quarters and Colonel Boone's huge shaggy performing lions are a few of the features promised.

Smith's bill of varieties is a really excellent one. The new faces are bright and attractive, the dancing graceful and the songs catchy.

There will be a matinee performance of "The Dago" in The Grand this afternoon.

The next attraction in the Powers' will be Dan Sully, December 30-31.

FAVORS STOCKBRIDGE.

A reader and friend of THE HERALD writes from Cadillac as follows: "I like your editorial on the senatorial question, and you want to keep it up till the light is ended. According to precedent, long ago established in Michigan, a clean cut, able senator has always been returned. Senator Stockbridge may be wanting in rhetoric and the classics—the same with Governor Luce—but he is a sound and progressive republican, chuck full of broad-gauged horse sense. The Detroit Journal's plaudits to Governor Luce and its reflection on Stockbridge is prompted solely by malice of Tom Palmer. THE HERALD will lose nothing by standing by Stockbridge, rather will it help it."

STATE PRESS GOSSIP.

An Illinois girl got so excited in amateur theatricals that she stabbed the villain in the play, nearly piercing his heart and inflicting a probably fatal wound. This is carrying stage realism a little too far.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

A properly-colored piece of cheese about the size of a pea and aged about two weeks contains a population of 800,000 crawling microbes. A university student counted them.—Jackson Patriot.

Chicago can keep the world's fair and welcome. St. Louis has got a \$600,000 shortage in the city treasury and a deputy treasurer has committed suicide.—Detroit Tribune.

The bill to make President Angell a regent of the Smithsonian institute cannot be regarded as conferring honor on him, but rather on the institute.—Detroit Free Press.

Padewski's visit to America this time is doubtless for the purpose of securing some souvenir coins.—Chicago Tribune.

Possibly, but there are many who hope it is to have his hair cut.—Jackson Courier-Star.

Justice has overtaken one of the Mohr murderers and appears to be close after the rest.—Bay City Tribune.

HIT AND MISS STORIES.

Philip Armour, gift of an institute to Chicago modeled after our Unreel institute shows how contagious a good example may be; and, moreover, it is one more instance that wise anti-mortem use of wealth which, taken in its varied manifestations, truly honors human nature.—Philadelphia Record.

The Sherman law has been the cause of a great many false conclusions on the silver question. It was the outcome of a false conclusion. It was a mistake of great proportions to pass such a measure, and the day is not far distant when the fact will be generally recognized.—Buffalo Courier.

The New York World solemnly asserts that there will be, and the New York Herald vociferously swears that there will not be, a spring session of the new congress. Meanwhile Grover Cleveland has not yet publicly expressed his opinion.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Chicagoan has been found dead with a New York newspaper in his hand. There are some of them no self-respecting Chicagoan ought to be found dead with.—New York Recorder.

There will be exactly 142 new faces in the new counting box.

Mr. Crisp will make at Mr. Cleveland. Minneapolis Tribune.

Politically speaking a few loaves and fishes won't round a multitude as they need to in the days of miracles.—Wheeling Register.

Long hours of labor and unrestricted immigration will eventually lead to low wages, tariff or no tariff.—Eight Hour Herald.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

"Suppose, Henry," said the old gentleman to the new one, "that you are aware the check for \$100 I put among your wedding presents was merely for effect?"

"Oh, yes," responded the cheerful Henry, "and the effect was excellent. The bank called it this morning without a word."—Detroit Free Press.

Buy: "You want to see 'em' about that advertisement for bookkeeper, don't you?" Applicant: "Yes." "Got any references?" "I am ready to produce them when requested." "Where did you work?" "I was two years with C. & Co." "What was that?" "The same firm that discharged me. They don't know a smart fellow from a idiot."—Good News.

Deliber: "I have done well in business, and I have come back to clear up all the debts contracted by me. In fact, I have repaid and intend to keep repaying until I am a millionaire." "That is a good idea." "I am a millionaire." "Now, what I want to know is, will you accept 25 cents on the dollar?"—Puck.

Torment: "Have you been fitted up your car with a horn and a bell, so as to look like a man working in a field?" "That's a good idea." Farmer: "Yes, now, hear any tramps?"—New York World.

New York: "Mr. Henry Hill—'You have been fitted up your car with a horn and a bell, so as to look like a man working in a field?' 'That's a good idea.' 'I am a millionaire.' 'Now, what I want to know is, will you accept 25 cents on the dollar?'—Puck.

The office boy who was taken on trial was let go because he proved too much of one.—Puck.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Here is pictured a concert toilet for a young girl. It is made of brocade foudard or embroidered China crape, either of petunia or China silk. The lawn that covers both the back and front of the bodice is of the same shade, and the collar and belt are both embroidered. The skirt is gathered in all around the waist. The waist is fastened behind and both in front and behind it is a small piece of stuff let in, to which the folds of lawn are fastened. This part of the bodice is lined with silk and forms a double yoke, and has a narrow edging at the top. The pleats are run together with ribbon, which end of it is in the pocket, placed at right angles to each other. In the pocket there is only one string run through, while in front there are two. To run



these strings through eyelets must be sewn into the material. The belt is made on stiff lining, and is pointed in front and buttons behind. There are puffed and draped sleeves, with very high cuffs sewn into the lining. The upper part of the belt is of gold or silver embroidery.

It is just as well to remember that there are lots of short waisted styles without going into the Empire. The Empire is not becoming to everyone. There is, for instance, the Dutch style of our Puritan ancestors, as New Englanders say. The skirt is plain and long. The waist is short, though not up under the arms, and the square of velvet are put on the edge of the bodice and hang over the waist line. These are the distinctive features of the style, and they relieve the plainness of the dress charmingly. The sleeves are close except for the puff at the shoulders. The neck is either yoke fashion and filled in with white, or white plain and worn with a ruff.

KAISER AND WILLIAM BISMARCK.

Considerable talk has been caused in Germany by the fact that Count William Bismarck was invited by Emperor William to attend the regular state dinner at Hanover, as well as the imperial hunt in that neighborhood. By some people the invitation is interpreted as an indication of the desire on the part of the emperor for a reconciliation with Prince Bismarck. Count William is the ex-chancellor's youngest son, and for a long time was a "Landrat" of Prussia. He is a handsomer in the face than either the prince or Count Herbert, he is much shorter in stature and stouter. Indeed, owing to this latter peculiarity, he was obliged to submit to the Schwemmer cure. He afterward induced his father to try it. He is married to a cousin.

MUST GO AROUND.

The comte and comtesse de Paris and Princess Helene have left England for their chateau in Spain, which is known as the Villa Maurique. The ladies travel over and through France, but the comte, who is affected by the laws against pretenders, cannot set foot in France without being liable to arrest. He will therefore go by steamer to Lisbon, where he will stay a few days with his daughter, Queen Amelie of Portugal, before rejoining the comtesse in Andalusia, where they will spend the winter.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Willard W. C. T. U. of the Sixth ward will hold its annual meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Huff, No. 468 Turner street. Every member of that neighborhood, by some people the invitation is interpreted as an indication of the desire on the part of the emperor for a reconciliation with Prince Bismarck.

There will be a social given by the women of the Fifth avenue A. M. E. Zion church December 29. All are invited to come and have a good time. Refreshments will be provided by the ladies.

Mrs. Nellie Walsh and Miss Dora Starn of Chicago have returned after a short visit with Lieutenant Fenn of No. 3 engine house and other friends.

THEY ARE RUBBING IT IN.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD has grown to be one of the best papers in the state, and takes rank with the great metropolitan journals. Sunday's issue was a marvel. It consisted of fifty-two seven column pages, filled to the brim with carefully written and choice articles, together with all the news of the day, as published in New York and Chicago Sunday journals. It was the largest paper ever published in Michigan, with one single exception, and reflects great credit upon its management, which has proved itself to be, for enterprise and ability, on a par with the conductors of the foremost newspapers of the age.—Jackson Citizen.

Sunday's Detroit Free Press was a marvel of editorial ability and mechanical skill. It was one of the finest editions of a newspaper ever issued in any city. Michigan and the northwest may well feel proud of the Detroit Free Press. The palm must be given to THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD. Its Sunday issue comprised fifty-two pages, and the great work of compilation, editing, typing, printing, folding and delivering was accomplished without a break or delay. Not only a such work creditable to the newspaper, but to the city in which it is published.—Big Rapids Bulletin.

Possibly because of its excessive weight the monthly issue of THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD was not mailed on Monday afternoon, when the office boy chartered a drayman to deliver it. It is a great pity that it was not mailed on Monday afternoon, when the office boy chartered a drayman to deliver it. It is a great pity that it was not mailed on Monday afternoon, when the office boy chartered a drayman to deliver it.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD of Sunday last consisted of fifty-two pages and filled with news and matter appropriate to the season. It is a very creditable edition and our neighbor is to be congratulated on its enterprise.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

If you want to know anything about Grand Rapids, past, present or future, get a copy of the holiday edition of THE HERALD. It contains fifty-two

pages and shows creditable enterprise on the part of its publishers.—Detroit Tribune.

The Sunday edition of THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD was upon record as one of the big ones. It was an attractive number of fifty-two pages.—Detroit Free Press.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD has issued a great, big, splendid boom edition of fifty-two pages.—Detroit News.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

The prince of Wales and his four companions at the three days' hunt on Earl Dudley's preserves killed over 3,000 pheasants and other "game." As the pheasants were as tame as barnyard fowls and were penned up in flocks for slaughter the sportsmen could have done about as well with a bat.

J. A. Burbank of Richmond, Ind., is the owner of a fine gold watch, of which he was robbed by the James boys in Arkansas about twenty years ago. He was at that time governor of Indiana. After the death of James he recovered the stolen property through an advertisement.

Father Antoine de Padone, whose recent death at a Trappist monastery in France has been reported by cable, was none other than Prince Malatesta, who fought as an ally of Louis Bonaparte against the pontifical troops in Italy.

M. Herz, who is fighting conspicuously in connection with the Panama canal affairs in France just now, is a German by birth, an American by naturalization, but a Frenchman by residence.

John H. Littlefield is lecturing up in Massachusetts on his personal recollections of Abraham Lincoln.

Rabbi Sonnenschein of St. Louis has accepted a call to the Miran congregation of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The kaiser has taken to smoking the long-stemmed clay pipes known as "church warden."

The Russian czar and the Siamese king have one taste in common—each is a bicycle rider.

Gladstone has concluded not to appoint a poet laureate to succeed Tennyson.

POINTS ABOUT WOMEN.

A voyager from the South seas says that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson conform with frank simplicity to many of the habits and fashions of the region. There is a pleasant glimpse of the past wandering on lovely Tahiti with bare feet and dressed in the graceful flowing garments worn by the natives.

Miss Mary Garrett of Baltimore bought two old paintings while abroad recently, and has just imported them as "antiquities." As such they would come in free of duty. But the customs authorities have not yet passed them, nor decided whether they may be considered antiquities or not.

San Francisco is led to believe that Mrs. Hearst, widow of the millionaire senator, will leave it \$1,000,000 for a great museum.

FREEMAN'S STRANGE DEATH.

Death Invades a Scanty North End Home.

Jefferson Freeman, a painter, aged about 36 years, died in a little shanty at No. 66 Knapp road, at 7 o'clock last evening. He and his wife commenced housekeeping on Tuesday with practically nothing in the place. After their arrival Freeman became unconscious and so remained to the end. The police, coroner and reporters found that the woman had been at work the past month for a family named Markham, but had left there on Monday. She was brought to headquarters and stated that they had not been living together much of the four years of their married life, but that she was persuaded to begin housekeeping in the above shanty in the fall. She was sent to St. Mark's home. The Markhams said that Freeman slept for most of a day or two that he stayed at their house.

Wall Street Character Dead.

New York, Dec. 21.—James A. Templeton, a well-known shoe merchant and a character in Wall Street, died on Monday night in a cell in the Old Slip station house, where he had been confined for drunkenness. Templeton for twenty-five years has been a dealer in boot shoes. Once he was wealthy, but love of drink made him neglect his business and he died a comparatively poor man. He was a daring speculator and it is said to have made and lost two fortunes in Wall Street. Templeton's family moved in good society in Brooklyn, and up to two years ago he was a trustee and one of the pillars of Dr. Talmage's tabernacle. His wife and three daughters are members of the church at the present time.

Her Hand Cut Off.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Adolph and Katie Cohn and Katie Heckle were crossing the tracks of the Chicago & Alton road last night at Halsted street when they were run down by a fast train. The two Cohn children were caught on the cowcatcher and thrown to one side. They were slightly cut about the body and head, but escaped without any serious injuries. Katie Heckle was knocked down and her right hand falling across the rail was cut off at the wrist. The engineer did his best to stop the train while the engineer tried to warn the children of their danger.

And Cool Is High.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—This is the coldest night of the winter in the north-west. At 9 p. m. signal service thermometers registered 36 degrees below zero at Qu Appelle and Swift Current, 26 below at Winnipeg and Fort Buford, 16 below at Moorhead, 14 below at Bismarck and zero at St. Paul. It is clear at all Minnesota points except St. Vincent, where it is snowing. A heavy storm is raging in western Montana and moving rapidly eastward.

Need More Funds.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—The executive committee of the Indiana world's fair commission held a meeting today and decided to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$100,000. The sentiment was unanimous that less than that amount would not meet the demands for the exhibit. There is now less than \$25,000 of the original appropriation on hand and the larger part of that will be used in meeting expenses already incurred.

Mrs. Brunson Gets Her Divorce.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—The ten days allowed to answer the complaint in the sensational divorce suit of Mrs. Anna Brunson against her husband, Judge Brunson, wherein Mrs. Brunson's wife of ex-governor Stone was made correspondent, expired today. The case was called in the superior court, and no answer being filed, the case went by default. A decree was granted to Mrs. Brunson.

NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

Charles Boyden of Grand Haven and N. W. McLeod of Keweenaw, Mo., representing the firm of Boyden & Co., manufacturers of hard wood lumber, are guests at the Morton. "We are in the city selling hard wood to the furniture men," said Mr. McLeod yesterday. "One firm in this city is considering a contract for 6,000,000 feet of oak. It may surprise you to think of the Grand Rapids Furniture manufacturers going clear to Missouri to buy hard wood lumber; but it is a fact. The freight is unreasonably high too. But good hard wood cannot be procured in Michigan except in comparatively small lots. It is an enormous amount of trouble to chase from one mill to another buying hard wood. The manufacturers say they would sooner pay a little more freight and get their lumber in one lump. We own one of the largest tracts of hard wood in Missouri. In addition to oak, beech and maple, we saw large quantities of gum. Last year we sold 8,000,000 feet to a St. Louis concern to be manufactured into tobacco boxes."

"Sooner or later the Michigan farmer will abandon wheat raising," said A. Mimer of Cassovia at the Eagle yesterday. "Wheat is no longer a profitable crop. The Dakota and Minnesota farmers can raise wheat and sell it at prices that would starve us out. There are hundreds of other things that can be raised in Michigan. The only thing that makes wheat a valuable crop is that it can always be turned into cash. Potatoes can be grown profitably. Barley and oats are generally good crops. But we can raise excellent small fruit if farmers would devote their attention to it. Onions are almost a gold mine. They will average 400 bushels to the acre and sell for 50 cents a bushel. Peppermint is becoming a valuable industry in western Michigan. It can be grown on land that will not raise anything else, and the oil sells for \$2.35 a pound. I know a farmer who just sold his season's product of peppermint for \$2,700, and didn't work half as hard as he would on nearly anything else."

"It's a little early to talk about bills," said Senator Peter Doran in the lobby of the Morton yesterday. "The members have until fifty days after the legislature convenes, and few of them have conceived any yet measures yet. The senatorial content will not attract the attention of most of the members at the beginning. After that is settled, they will begin to think about legislation. I shall introduce my bill for uniform entry and clerk fees in the Kent circuit courts. The house department has no objection to my bill, but I shall try to get it through this session."

"Our grand-mother's didn't know anything about Japan tea," said O. M. Benedict of Iowa, agent for a New York firm of tea importers, at the New Livingston. "The first Japan tea imported into this country came during the civil war. China tea was very high

from \$1.50 to \$2 a pound. Japan tea could be sold here for \$1 and great quantities of it were imported. Probably the best tea now comes from Ceylon, but it is very expensive. Tea has been raised in Florida, but not to any great extent. The tea plant cannot endure the slightest frost." Mr. Benedict was the prohibition candidate for state land commissioner, but has decided not to contest.

"There are probably between 300 and 400 silk manufacturing establishments in the United States," said E. C. Stone of the Helsing Silk company, at the New Livingston last night. "The raw silk is imported from China. It is unwound from the cocoons and put on a spindle like yarn. The imported silk is much finer in quality than that raised in this country. Although the government offers a bounty for silk culture, yet the mulberry trees here do not seem as well adapted for it as those of China, and silk made from the orange orange is of a decidedly inferior quality."

"I came down to collect some election bets and the pool seller refuses to cash my ticket," said C. J. Shaw of Cadillac at the Morton yesterday. "There still seems to be some doubt about the election of Richardson. I bought a 25 to 300 combination that won—Cleveland, Ellis, Voiceland and Richardson. The pool seller says he will settle, but he wants to be sure about it."

F. Howard Tuttle of Chicago, one of the most famous of the western cycle riders, is a guest at the Morton. Mr. Tuttle is 6 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs 197 pounds, but he can hustle the safety. "I'm going to have a new eighteen-pound racing wheel made for next year," said Mr. Tuttle yesterday. "Then I'm out on the turf for scalps."

The venerable A. V. Pantlind of the Morton house slipped on the walk in front of the Peninsular club yesterday afternoon and fell. It was thought at first that he was seriously hurt; but he walked to the hotel, and with a couple of one or two slight scratches, sustained no injuries.

J. J. Woodman of Paw Paw, superintendent of the Michigan agricultural exhibit for the world's fair, is a guest at the Morton. He is in the city to confer with the Hon. L. M. Weston in regard to plans for the exhibit.

Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, the empress of Austria's elder brother, who has lately married a Munich baller girl forty years younger than himself, is tall and dark, with a haggard, careworn face, the evidence of constant ill health. In features and manner he is said to strongly resemble Henry Irving. Thirty-seven years ago the prince gave up his position and all his privileges as the eldest son of his father, Duke Maximilian, in order to marry a beautiful actress, Henrietta Mendel, who died a few years ago, after a long period of happy wedded life. The prince has no children.

Soft upon the midnight breezes,

Comes sweet music loud

and clear,

'Tis the sound of

Swedish Sleigh Bells

Chiming in the winter

air.

Sweedish Sleigh Bells are something new in Grand

Rapids, but judging from the way people are buying

them, our streets will soon be filled with a melody

never before heard. We have, this winter, the best as-

sortment of Sleigh Bells we ever have had. Open

Bells, Team Bells, Neck Straps, Shaft Chimes and

Saddle Chimes—every kind of bell that is at all useful

or ornamental.

To-day the great Hobart

sale of high bred California

horses will close in New York